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## **STEEL & MINES DEPARTMENT**

### **NOTIFICATION**

The 15th January, 2022

**Subject: Withdrawal of Chintamgundi Bauxite Blocks for exploration by the OMECL under rule 67 of MC Rules 2016.**

Ref: Notification No. 4505/SM dated the 5th June, 2018 read with letter No.4740/SM dated the 9th June, 2020 for prospecting operations by the OMECL under rule 67 of MC Rules 2016.

### **ORDER**

No. 366-IV(Misc.)-SM- 39-2020/S&M.—Whereas, Ministry of Mines, Government of India has notified the OMECL for undertaking prospecting operations in pursuance of the second provision to sub-section (1) of Section-4 of the Mines & Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 vide its notification No.GSR-389(E) dated the 23rd April, 2018. It has accordingly been allotted among others the Chintamgundi Bauxite Block in Koraput District for exploration vide Notification No.4505/S&M dated the 5th June, 2018, the validity of which has been extended for a further period of 2 (two) years vide this Department letter No.4740/S&M dated the 9th June, 2020.

And, whereas, the Director of Mines vide his letter No.3594 dated the 2nd June, 2020 enclosing the copy of the letter No.11389/DG dated the 6th November, 2018 of the Director of Geology recommended to exclude the said block from exploration process on the ground that this block is already explored upto G2 level by GSI and that only about 20% of the said block Viz about Ha.30 out of total block area of Ha.152 features within the State of Odisha.

And, whereas, The Director (Geology), OMECL vide its letter No.439 dated the 6th July, 2021 has requested to drop the Chintamgundi Bauxite Block from the list of Blocks allocated to OMECL on the reasons cited supra.

Now, therefore, the State Government after careful consideration, in exercise of power conferred under rule.67 of Mineral Concession Rule, 2016 have been pleased to drop the Chintamgundi Bauxite Block from the list of Blocks allotted to OMECL vide this Department Notification No.4505/S&M dated the 5th June, 2018 for exploration.

By Order of the Governor

S.SETHI

Additional Secretary to Government